



KENTUCKY REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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Kentucky Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee Meeting Minutes November 30, 2015 Frankfort, Kentucky

Matt Rhodes called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance for the meeting were: Matt Rhodes, Kathy Fowler, Amy Bryant, Juli Conner, Vonja Grabeel and Martie Kupchinsky.

The committee reviewed the June 2nd- June 3rd, 2015 meeting minutes for final approval and posting on the webpage. Vonja Grabeel made a motion to accept the minutes. Juli Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 0.

The committee reviewed an honorarium request submitted by the Kentucky Environmental Health Association (KYEHA) for the amount of \$700.00. The Kentucky Environmental Health Association requested the honorarium for Dr. Sadhana Ravishankar, an Associate Professor at the University of Arizona to speak on natural sanitizers for leafy greens at the KYEHA Conference in February. Juli Conner made a motion to approve the honorarium request. Vonja Grabeel seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 0.

The committee discussed the RS Exam and the current study guide. Matt stated that he would like to reach out to David Dyjack, Executive Director of NEHA to discuss the possibility of aligning the Kentucky Registered Sanitarian Exam with the NEHA Exam. The committee discussed the current Kentucky RS Exam and agreed that the study guide and the RS Exam should be modernized. The committee agreed to defer further discussion until the next RS meeting.

The committee welcomed Martie Kupchinsky from the Division of Administrative and Financial Management. Martie Kupchinsky provided and discussed the Registered Sanitarian financial reports with the committee. Martie made the recommendation that the committee establish a budget based on revenue brought in each fiscal year. The committee discussed the possibility of increasing the \$12.00 annual renewal fee to \$20.00. Kathy stated that she would look at the regulations and statutes to determine how to change a fee. The committee agreed to defer further discussion on establishing a budget until the next RS meeting.

The committee reviewed the election ballots submitted for Region D and Region C. William Gene Thomas received the most votes for Region D and Jeffrey Cornett received the most votes for Region C. The committee agreed with the nomination of William Gene Thomas for Region D with an alternate choice of Kenny Cole. The committee agreed with the nomination of Jeffrey Cornett for Region C with an alternate choice of Paul Rice. Juli Conner made a motion to accept the nominations. Vonja Grabeel seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 0.

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The committee reviewed new applicants for registration. The Committee Chairman signed off on the applications for Justin Jump, Carl Phelps, John Morgan and Chaz Bargo. Vonja Grabeel made a motion to accept the new applicants who successfully completed the exam. Juli Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Vonja brought up the discussion of allowing students in their senior year of college to be approved to take the RS Exam. Vonja made the suggestion of allowing the students to take the exam in their last semester of college and holding the certification until the completion of a four-year degree, with a minor or twenty-four semester hours in environmental health, biological science, or physical science. Vonja stated that she had three individuals from Eastern Kentucky University that expressed interest in taking the RS Exam in December. After further discussion, the committee agreed that the students must submit an application, provide educational transcripts, and pay the \$30.00 application fee to sit for the exam. Vonja stated that Eastern Kentucky University would pay the \$30.00 application fee for the undergraduates.

The committee proposed some dates and locations for the upcoming quarterly meetings in 2016. Matt stated that he would like to look at March, May, September and December. The committee decided that Lake Cumberland State Resort Park would be suitable for the March RS meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with Matt Rhodes presenting Ms. Vonja Grabeel with a plaque for her many years of service on the Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee. The committee also recognized Mr. Dan Troutman for his many years of service on the Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee.